



To: Junior Fair Youth Exhibitors, Parents and/or Guardians, and Youth Advisors
 Re: 2019 Saddle Horse Symposium & Mandatory Equine Safety Requirement
 February 10, 2019

The Mahoning Saddle Horse Committee, the Mahoning County Junior Fair, OSU Extension 4-H – Mahoning County have joined efforts to provide an excellent Saddle Horse Symposium for the equine youth in 2019. We hope you will join us! This packet has been sent to all youth, advisors, and youth organizations that have participated in the 2018 Mahoning County Junior Fair with equine. We encourage you to ***share this information with any new members planning to exhibit at the Mahoning County Junior Fair in 2019.***

JUNIOR FAIR WEB-SITE: www.mcjrfair.com

Please email me if you can access email/website information at mcjrfair@gmail.com. The 2019 Junior Fair Calendar is available on the website. Newsletters, committee info and more Junior Fair and youth organization information will be available at this site. Please mark your preference in receiving information on the RSVP form. The website and email save on postage, but we are happy to send information by mail if needed. We are also using the Remind System to send out reminder for meetings and provide basic information. If you have not received a Remind message and would like to link in; text your name, the word "Equine" and your cell phone number to me at 330-718-0444.

4-H Volunteer Training concerning child abuse recognition will not be offered at the Saddle Horse Symposium in 2019. As session will be offered at the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program on March 2 at 10:40 a.m. THIS IS A MANDATORY TRAINING and will also be offered as online training. If you are unable to attend this session, please contact the Extension Office at 330-533-5538.

The 2019 Mahoning Saddle Horse Symposium is March 16 at South Range High School located on Route 46 just south of Canfield. The Symposium will offer a variety of guest speakers, vendors, feed & supply information, and sessions on Basic Safety and Body Scoring requirements. If you would like to join us with a vendor space, please contact Kim Moff at 330-718-0444. We still have plenty of room. Vendor booths can be equine related, or could be Tupperware, Lularoe, Avon, or your own company. Vendor forms are also available on the Saddle Horse Symposium page at mcjrfair.com

The Symposium Schedule is available for your review. Youth and parent/legal guardian attending the Symposium must check in at the registration desk. **There will be no fee to attend the 2019 Saddle Horse Symposium.** A pre-registration form for youth participating in the Equine Safety program is also available. RSVP is not required, but helps with registration first thing in the morning. When sessions are full, the room will be closed. We have a full day of classes with excellent speakers, so please be courteous, plan to be patient and plan to attend a later session if your selection is full.

Each youth and parent/legal guardian planning to participate in the 2019 equine program will receive an equine safety participation card at registration. These cards will be validated in each session. Individuals **MUST ATTEND ENTIRE SESSION** to receive credit for attendance. **Cards must be returned to the registration desk at the Saddle Horse Symposium on March 16 prior to leaving the symposium. Cards not turned in at the symposium, will not be accepted for credit.** Youth and/or parent will be required to attend a make-up session. **All of the requirements must be complete before youth may participate in horse activities involving horses.** Requirements are listed below.

SAFETY UPDATE & REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION: Every first year member and his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are required to view the videotapes, "Every Time....Every Ride," and "Horse, Kids and Ethics. These videos must be viewed at a **countywide viewing at the 2019 Horse Symposium or a make-up session to participate in the 2019 Junior Fair.** In addition, first year members and his or her parent(s) must also read "Safety and You," Circular 191R which can be purchased at the Ohio State University Extension. The back page of this book must be signed and returned to the club advisor, and a copy must be turned in to the Extension Office and submitted with paperwork required for Junior Fair participation to be kept on file. All youth participating as 4-H members taking horse projects must, along with their parents, sign a Release of Claims form developed by Ohio State University attorneys and submit this release to the 4-H office. Check with your club advisor for this form & complete by the date due. This Ohio 4-H Release of Claims Form must be signed annually.

OHIO 4-H HELMET POLICY:

All youth age 19 & under, participating in any 4-H and/or Mahoning County Junior Fair equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Program, Mahoning Saddle Horse Committee, Mahoning County Junior Fair and related committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. The Ohio 4-H Program, Mahoning Saddle Horse Committee, Mahoning County Junior Fair and related committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities. The Ohio 4-H Program, Mahoning Saddle Horse Committee, Mahoning County Junior Fair and related committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

MAHONING COUNTY EQUINE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

All youth planning to participate in the 2019 Mahoning County Saddle Horse Program and at the 2019 Mahoning County Junior Fair, and at least one parent/legal guardian must attend a Mahoning County Equine Safety Program. Members participating in the Roping Project must also fulfill these requirements. Sessions offered at the symposium will count toward this requirement. Refer to requirements listed below:

- ☑ **All first year members and their parent or legal guardian (and youth who have not completed the following requirement) must attend a Sportsmanship/Ethics session** (which will include the viewing of Horse, Kids & Ethics video), **Basic Equine Safety session** (which will include the viewing of Every Time.....Every Ride and Basic Handling videos), and a Body Scoring session or approved clinic.
- ☑ **Second Year & Over Youth Participants:** Must attend two educational sessions or two educational clinics approved by the Mahoning Saddle Horse Committee and Junior Fair. **Youth 18 years or older** must also have a parent/legal guardian complete the requirements listed below
- ☑ **Parents / Legal Guardians of Youth Participants Second Year & Over: Must attend at least 1 Equine Session or approved clinic of their choice.**

PLEASE NOTE: Youth, parents and advisors are encouraged to attend more than the required sessions/clinics.

☑ **It is HIGHLY recommended that at least one advisor from each club, and available parents, especially first year,** attend the session titled "**SADDLE HORSE UPDATE.** Youth under 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. **This session will cover important updates and changes in the guidelines regarding the 2019 Horse Program.**

Parents and youth exhibitors must also read the 2019 **Mahoning County Saddle Horse Guidelines**, which will be available at the symposium and through your club. The Saddle Horse Guideline receipt and equine papers must be signed and returned as instructed on the packet. A check list for paperwork is also attached for your convenience. These are also available on the Saddle Horse page at mcjrfair.com

- **Youth and one parent/guardian unable to attend March 16** must still attend an Equine Safety Program. Make-up session dates will be available after March 16. You may find these dates posted at www.mcjrfair.com. Also, both advisors & youth will be contacted by phone or a mailing concerning these dates.

EQUINE SAFETY T-SHIRTS: WITMERS HAS ONCE AGAIN OFFERED TO PROVIDE T-SHIRTS FOR EACH YOUTH ATTENDING A MAHONING COUNTY EQUINE SAFETY PROGRAM. THESE SHIRTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON ENTRY DAY OF THE CANFIELD FAIR AT THE JUNIOR FAIR OFFICE. T-shirts can be ordered on the required enrollment form. Please make sure to THANK Witmer's Feed & Grain for their continued support of this program.

MANDATORY PARTICIPATION RULE: All youth planning to exhibit/participate with an equine project in the 2019 Junior Fair **MUST ATTEND** at least two of the Mahoning County Saddle Horse and/or 4-H Approved Shows (1 show must be a MSHC Show.) Attendance to additional Horse Shows is highly recommended. Youth exhibiting in the Junior Fair will be required to submit an equine record book between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on entry day to the Saddle Horse Show Office. **All youth will be required to submit a Certificate of Equine Inspection (to include Body Scoring).** **Deadlines and specific rules on Body Scoring are stated on the Certificate which will be available March 16.**

GRADUATING SENIORS & YOUTH AGES 15 - 18: Please check the dates for submission of the following scholarships and award opportunities: Pop Shop Educational Assistance Award, 4-H Alumni, Royal Court, Outstanding Youth.....every \$\$\$\$ counts for college. Also, Seniors or last year members please bring a photo and a brief summary of your accomplishments and turn in at the symposium so we can prepare a salute for our fair display.

The 2019 Saddle Horse Show & Guideline Books will be available for sale for \$5.00 at the Saddle Horse Symposium. This book includes the 2019 Show Rules, Guidelines & Shows for the 2019 Show Season.

If you have questions regarding Mahoning Saddle Horse Symposium, please contact
Jane Malmsberry at 330-853-3949, or Kimberly Moff at 330-718-0444.

Questions regarding the Mahoning Saddle Horse Committee may be directed toward. **Jane Malmsberry at 330-853-3949**

Questions regarding Mahoning County Junior Fair may be directed toward **Kim Moff at 330-718-0444.**

Questions regarding the 4-H Youth Program may be directed toward **Beth Smith, Extension Educator at 330-533-5538.**

COME JOIN US & HAVE FUN!

A LUNCH & SHOPPING BREAK HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN THE SCHEDULE. GREAT TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS, ROPING WILL BE OFFERED IN THE CAFETERIA ALL DAY ALONG WITH THE SKILLATHON. ENCOURAGE YOUR KIDS TO JOIN IN THE ART SHOW!

For more information about Mahoning County Saddle Horse activities throughout the year visit www.mcjrfair.com.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU MARCH 16, 2019!

PLEASE RETURN THE RSVP SHEET AS DIRECTED TO SAVE TIME AT THE SYMPOSIUM!

Mahoning County Junior Fair and Mahoning Saddle Horse Symposium Committee